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SUBJ: DEATH OF LLOYD ALBERT SURBER

TO: MISS SHIRLEY SURBER
177 EDSYL STREET
NEWPORT NEWS,VIRGINIA

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER, LLOYD ALBERT SURBER. THE EMBASSY LEARNED OF HIS DEATH FROM A NEWS ITEM IN A MANILA DAILY ON DECEMBER 3 AND FROM MR. CHARLIE LABRADOR, DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. ARMY SERVICES ELEMENTS AT CLARK AIR BASE, PHILIPPINES. HE DIED FROM STILL UNDETERMINED CAUSE, AT THIS RESIDENCE AT 544 PINATUBO STREET, BALIBAGO, ANGELES CITY.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THE MORTUARY OFFICER AT CLARK AIR BASE TO COORDINATE WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION REPRESENTATIVE IN TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR FATHER'S PERSONAL EFFECTS FOR TURN-OVER TO THE EMBASSY. A COPY OF THE INVENTORY WILL BE SENT TO YOU SO YOU MAY DECIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT PROMPTLY. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU
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WISH TO HAVE YOUR FATHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT THROUGH CLARK AIR BASE TO VIRGINIA WOULD COST \$1,000. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD BE COVERED BY THE VA BURIAL BENEFITS. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR YOUR FATHER'S INTERMENT AT THE USAF CEMETERY ON CLARK AB.

4. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, MANILA, PHILIPPINES AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

6. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR OFFICER HERE BY PHONING 59-80-11, EXTENSION 246 IN MANILA.

7. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.
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